

There was an old catfish, named Blake.
Who wintered not far from a lake.
Each night through the snow
With his pitcher he'd go
And neither much water would take.



"Oh, Be My Bride!" The Boxer Cried, "I'll Leave The Ring For Good!"
"I Saw You Spar," The Maid Replied, "and I Should Think You Would!"



There was an old catfish, named
Splinter.
Who used to catch fish in the winter.
And many a sole
He yanked from the hole
That the poor little sole had got into.

JOHN NEWTON HANDS BAILEY OLD K. O. KICK

Crack Ohio Welterweight Puts Georgia Boy to Sleep With Right Hand Cross in Tenth Round at Smelter Arena.

By CHUCK SWAN.

JOHNNY NEWTON came into his own as the welterweight champion of the army yesterday at the Smelter arena, when he stopped Bill Bailey, of the Georgia artillery, in the 10th round of a scheduled 15 round go. A right hand cross to the chin settled Bailey. Previous to the punch which put Bailey to sleep for good, Newton landed a wicked left swing to the chin which dropped Bailey. From the beginning of the 10th round until Johnny slipped over the old K. O. wallop, Bailey was a dazed boxer.

When referee Billy Smith started the boys on their journey in the championship tilt, Bailey looked good, but not good enough to beat Newton. His judge of distance was bad, and he could not seem to connect with the elusive John. Newton's traveling left, which always landed, caused Bailey a lot of trouble throughout the mill.

The second Ohio lad piled up a big lead on points in the early rounds, tapping Bailey time and again with that fast left jab. And John mixed in a right cross once in a while just to make things interesting.

But Bill Bailey was also in the ring. He was there with a left hook, which often landed, and a speedy right swing, which, if it had landed, would have ended the melee right there and then. However, Bailey failed to live up to his press agent. His famous K. O. punch was not on hand, at least, Bill didn't even drop John for a short count, and he hardly shook up the smiler from Ohio. Bailey ripped an old seal off Newton's bugle in the fifth round, which covered John with plenty of gore during the remaining sessions, but he inflicted little real damage.

Johnny Shows Class
By Outboxing Bill

Johnny showed his real class yesterday. He stepped in and out, shooting his left in time and again, and although he missed many a chance to connect with his right, he was there with both balls on when a right cross meant the coin.

The early part of the scrap saw Johnny doing all the landing, and landing the majority of the punches. Bailey seemed content to take things easy, waiting for the last five rounds, which never came. Newton knocked Bailey's left seldom missing, while Bailey's best punch was a right to the body, in place.

Newton clearly proved yesterday that he is the best welter, or light middleweight, seen around here in the past few years, and it's up to promoter Jim Brown to corral a really good man for the smelter from the second Ohio.

Battling Collins Is
Winner in Semi-Final

Battling Collins, the happy lad from the 24th infantry, won a nice four round semi-final from Johnny Kolopus of the Fifth Ohio. The first three rounds were fairly even, but Collins opened up in the set away number and put over enough to earn him a decision.

Kolopus made a good fight of it, but a little too anxious, which caused him to fall into too many clinches.

Bat Martin Gives
Fans a Good Time

Battling Martin, that knock out dead kid from the 24th infantry, put on a show in Carl Carlson's of the 24th infantry. In a four round preliminary, although the Battler had been in the ring, he could have won rather handsily.

Referee Billy Smith called the bout a draw, and it was just that. In the last stages of the mill, Martin hung up a good lead, do to his clever punching, but he couldn't stand the pace and weakened in the final act. Carlson put up a good fight, not a flashy one, however, but a good, clean mill, and the fans were well pleased.

Tommy Buck Ends
Opener in Second

Tommy Buck, protégé of Tommy O'Toole, ended the opening bout somewhat rapidly, when he slipped Young Knutson, of the Second Ohio, a right hand punch to the jaw in the second round. It was curtains and slow music for the lad from the Buckeye state.

Yesterday's crowd was the biggest of the season, and the fans saw a mighty good show. Everything went off as per schedule, and not a substitution marred the card. It was a nice afternoon of sport and the fight club made a little money, so everybody was happy.

INDIANS ARE ALL SIGNED FOR SEASON

Cleveland, Jan. 29.—James Dunn, president of the local team of the American league, has announced that practically every member of his organization has already signed up for the season of 1917.

Speaking of the threatened strike of baseball players, Dunn said that Bobby Roth, a member of the Fraternity, had not signed up, but he was expected to do so.

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LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE



BOXING GAME IN NEED OF BODY TO HANDLE IT

Tom Andrews Says Matt Hinkel Was Right When He Tried to Form National Boxing Association Two Years Ago to Protect Game.

By TOM S. ANDREWS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 29.—There is one manager of fighters who regrets that he ever joined in a movement to work against the interests of the National Boxing association, which was formed at Cleveland, Ohio, about two years ago.

That man is Scotty Monteth, manager of Johnny Dundee, the clever New York Italian lightweight, who suffered a setback last week in Philadelphia at the hands of Willie Jackson, a newcomer from the Hebrew district of New York.

When Matt Hinkel, president of the N. B. A., together with the writer, was in New York recently, Scotty wanted to know why the boxing association could not compel Freddy Welsh, lightweight champion, to either fight Dundee for the title or be compelled to forfeit the same.

That was where Matthew got back at the managers, or some of them. "When the association was organized," said Mr. Hinkel, "there were certain managers, and Monteth was among them, who tried every means to oppose the organization, even going so far as to form a union of their own and threaten to boycott all clubs or promoters who would work against them in any way; in other words, they wanted to be in a position to demand exorbitant guarantees or percentages for their fighters."

"These managers played right into the hands of such men as Harry Pollok, manager of Freddy Welsh, and Jimmy Dunn, manager of Johnny Kilbane. They fought against the very people who were trying to help them and they were too blind to see it."

"The boxing association never even considered the question of guarantees or percentages to be paid boxers, as that was a matter for the clubs or promoters to settle as individuals or among themselves."

"What the N. B. A. aimed at was to bring about uniform rules, weights, etc., and to compel champions to defend their titles at least once every six months against legitimate challengers; also to name a champion in the event of a vacancy of any title by death, retirement or otherwise."

"In that way there would be no chance for every Tom, Dick and Harry to go about claiming titles in classes where there was no recognized champion, as is the case right now among the middleweights and welterweights."

"It was intended to protect the boxer as well as the public, but a few of the managers tried to queer everything to gain their own selfish ends. I hope the time will come when the association can be revived, for the game is badly in need of such an organization. What Mr. Hinkel says is absolutely true. The sport needs a national organization to control it and to protect the public."

BOXING PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 29.
Jack Britton vs. Johnny Griffiths, 10 rounds, at Cincinnati, Ohio.
Jimmy Wilde vs. George Clark, 20 rounds, at London, Eng.
Benny Leonard vs. Jimmy Duffy, 10 rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y.
Johnny Dundee vs. Jimmy Hanley, 10 rounds, at New Orleans.
Rocky Kanana vs. Pete Hartley, 10 rounds, at Toledo, O.
Tuesday, January 30.
Kid Williams vs. Benny McNeill, 15 rounds, at Kansas City, Mo.
Friday, February 2.
Patsy Cline vs. Eddie Wallace, 10 rounds, at New York City.

CURTAIN DOWN AT JUAREZ

Manager Winn Calls a Halt to Race Meeting in Old Mexico, Owing To Quarantine Restrictions.

SMALL CROWDS ALSO
HASTEN THE WIND UP

By CHUCK SWAN.

THE bang tails have come and gone. The get-away number has been staged at the Juarez track, but it wasn't advertised or announced. El Paso fans will have to wait another year to see the runners speed it up around the oval, for the winter meeting of the Juarez Jockey club came to an abrupt and yesterday morning.

The meeting has not been a financial success from the opening day. Small crowds, due partly to the feeling of unrest, which holds Americans who cross the river, has kept many fans away. And while the sport has been good, the horsemen have not prospered. There'll be a lot of 'em looking for get-away coin today.

The quarantine restrictions, both on the American side as well as the retaliatory measures on the Mexican side of the border, also kept the fans away. The small sized riot yesterday morning was the straw which broke the camel's back, and manager M. J. Winn called off the hostilities for the season. He had previously shortened the meeting somewhat.

Col. Winn is already planning a bigger and better meeting for 1917-1918 and hopes by that time that everything will be lovely, as far as the "WAR" is concerned.

New Dates In Army League Teams Shift Playing Days

By CAPT. RALPH WHITE.

OWING to the fact that several of the teams in the Army Basketball league have been ordered home, to be mustered out of the federal service, a revised schedule of the Army league has been drafted.

Following is the revised schedule:
Mon., Jan. 29—14th Conn. vs. Fifth Pa.
Tue., Jan. 30—Engineers vs. 12th Pa.
Wed., Jan. 31—14th Conn. vs. Third Pa.
Thurs., Feb. 1—Second Ohio vs. 24th U. S.
Fri., Feb. 2—10th Conn. vs. 13th Pa.
Sat., Feb. 3—Third Pa. vs. 24th U. S.
Sun., Feb. 4—Second Ohio vs. Fifth Pa.
Mon., Feb. 5—Engineers vs. 14th Pa.
Tue., Feb. 6—10th Pa. vs. 24th U. S.

AGGIES GRAB COURT CONTEST

Defeat Shelton-Payne Arms Co. in Good Game By 27 to 14 Score.

Months Park, N. M., Jan. 28.—The New Mexico Aggies on Saturday evening defeated the Shelton-Payne team of El Paso, in the third game of the basketball series with the El Paso City league, 27 to 14.

The El Paso players did not arrive until 3 o'clock, but they soon got warmed up and played a fast game from start to finish.

The lineup:
Agiess—Humble, H.; Vickers, H.; Cox, C.; Blackwell, H.; Denton, H.
El Paso—Robertson, H.; Hughes, H.; Biggs, C.; Walker, H.; Rheinheimer, H.

Ball Club of Mexicans To Travel Throughout the Land

A BASEBALL team composed entirely of Mexican youths will tour the eastern states this summer, according to present plans. The trip will be under the management of well known promoters and John J. McCloskey has been secured as team coach. The majority of the players will be drawn from the local field, but others will be secured from Tucson, San Antonio and Marfa. Whether the team will be known as an El Paso or San Antonio team has not yet been decided.

Among the players who will be asked to try out for positions are: Pitchers, Leyva, F. Mesa, Villalaz, Pedregon, Sota, Gutierrez, Galindo and Aranda; infielders, Gomez, Caro, Medina, Armandarez and Minjares; outfielders, Calamia, Mesa and others; catchers, Chacon and Calamia, with a youth from Tucson who has been showing up well. The party will consist of 18 players. An effort is to be made to secure Juan Gomez to handle the side-line work.

TALKING IT OVER

Your Views and Mine.

By CHUCK SWAN.

THE amateur ball tossers of El Paso are preparing for a busy season. Already the City league has gotten under way, and things look good for a mighty successful season. Efforts will be made to make the league the biggest and best ever during the 1917 campaign.

Every scrap on the arena card yesterday was a good one, and referee Smith had an easy time breaking the boys. Hardly a punch was landed in a clinch, and it made a big hit with the crowd.

Mrs. O'Toole's boy WAS in the house, not ALONE.

BOB SWISHER AND HIS DIXIE DOODLE AGAIN MADE A HIT WITH THE FANS. THE SECOND OHIO BAND AND THE SECOND OHIO POLICE QUARTER HELPED OUT TO NO SMALL DEGREE.

There is a chance for a couple of good ball players to land with the Buero Mountain Copper company at Tyrone, N. M. Get in touch with C. S. Warren, secretary and treasurer of the company. He wants a couple of good men, and is willing to offer nice jobs.

Ever see Nick McDonald, the Seelig-Tribune movie chaser, take a fillum? Gee, but it's funny. "Remember that old gag about a one armed paperchase, etc."

Manager Woods of the Cactus club is up and about again, and yesterday was receiving the congratulations of his many friends on his quick recovery.

You sure have to hand it to Capt. Dick and that Fifth Georgia infantry gang in the Army Basketball league. Looking good after game, that outfit of Crackers can always be found waiting for the referee to start the contest. It's a great thing, boys, to be able to lose and still smile, but that is one thing Capt. Dick and his bunch has the world beat at. Oh, yes, the 24th infantry bunch under Lieut. Miller also smile when they take a beating, so that makes two real outfits in the organization.

The calling off of the races yesterday helped the fight crowd and a big throng was on hand. As there will be no more racing in Juarez, the sporting fans will get all the chance in the world to see the bulls every Sunday at the arena.

Dancers at the eighth Ohio infantry dance Tuesday, February 6, at the Odd Fellows' hall will hear Clark Miller and his band render the famous eighth Ohio regimental march, "The Thoroughbred." This march was dedicated to the eighth Ohio a long time ago, and it never fails to set the boys stepping.

Capt. Ralph White of the Ohio engineers, who also finds time to handle the affairs of the Army Basketball league, is something of a hustler, but he has a hot rival in physical director Holm of the Y. M. C. A. Holm is perhaps the busiest man in an athletic way in El Paso, as he is working day and night to make the gym classes a big success. And he is sure succeeding.

The City Basketball league games are getting faster and faster as the season progresses, and it won't be long before the games are drawing a big crowd.

Dave Danforth Champion Trapper of Wanderers from the Hassocks

By EARNEST J. LANIGAN.

CHALK up another victory for Texas over Georgia on the baseball diamond, for Dave Danforth, a Lone Star statesman, wrested from Sherrod Smith, who, like Ty Cobb, is a Georgian, the honor of being the boxer-man who trapped the greatest number of men off the bases during 1916.

Smith had been the Matt Kilroy of 1915, catching 13 pastimers off the hassocks.

The White Sox left-hander last year saw to it personally that 14 men who reached first quickly forfeited their rights as basemen. His victims for the most part, were men who, on the bases display skill as well as speed.

Mamaux Leads Nationals. Al Mamaux of the Pirates led the National league gunners in nabbing athletes off the cushions, adding a dozen assists to his record in this way. Only one other pitcher—the bespectacled Henry Lee Meadows of the Cardinals—reached double figures in trapping men off the bases. Just getting into the two-numeral class.

In 1915 there were four pitchers who caught ten or more men off the cushions. Smith of Brooklyn, Hughes of the Braves, Adams of the Pirates and

Cleto of the White Sox. Mamaux's 1915 record was nine.

Six Pitchers Hold Up Runners. The White Sox pitchers, judging by the number of men killed off who took too much leeway from the bags, were the best on the major league map last year in holding up runners. The Giants' slammers, if this line of reasoning is to be followed, were the worst, for they got only nine victories all year, while Rowland's gunners were maintaining 25.

DUFFY LEWIS NOW IN HOLDOUT CLASS

San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 29.—Duffy Lewis, outfielder for the Boston American league team, said here today he had returned unsigned the contract offered him by the Boston management. The figure he said, were the same as in 1916, but he felt that with last season and he felt he was entitled to an increase. Lewis denied that any contemplated action of the Boston Fraternity was responsible for his action.

"I have written the Boston management a nice letter," he said, "and am sure the matter will be adjusted satisfactorily."

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